## **EMPLOYES WANT** HIGHER SALARIES BEFORE PENSIONS

Increased Pay Would Result in Greater Efficiency, Says J. W. Buck.

NO CHANGE IN PAY SINCE 1858, HE ADDS

In Other Fields Advances Have Come With Higher Cost of Living.

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preference over retirement legislation.
The Times has proved conclusively that
there is crying need of the betterment
of present conditions as well as showing
that some prompt measures should be that some prompt measures should be bers of Congress would find it difficult taken to eliminate superannuated em-

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The fact that only 450 positions out of 145,000 having salaries increased were in the classified civil service was a revelation to hundreds of people, and should have great weight on Congress. That Congress appreciates, in a measure, that the cost of living is higher is evidenced by the action taken in the 145,000 cases.

Increase the salaries and the efficiency of the service will be raised to a greater standard and the superannuation problem will be solved, for then it will be an easy matter to get the Gillett bill through. The old clerk will give way to the new, and if he does not measure up to the mark it will be an easy matter to get one who does, for when salary is worth while men worth while will be after it.

However, as long as the salary is only enough to keep the wolf from the door, the labor goes to the place that will take care of it best and the Government.

Cannot Take New Chances.

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matter to take a dollar to market and bring home what two dollars will hardly buy now, and most of them are too old in the service to take new business cares and chances.

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England is today suffering terribly because those who ruled in the past did not realize that the greatest piece of legislation was to provide well-paid labor for its subjects. An uncertain pension system was adopted, and for years the employes have ground under the pain of poor salaries, with the prospect of getting a pension when old and decrepit.

These accusations were, in most cases, just enough, perhaps, but it is a fact that the most soulless corporation in the land has not been less liberal or more parsimonious with its workers than has the Government of the United States, with its lower grade departmental employes.

Now is the time to make amends. Now is the time to make amends on ever was more money needed by the long suffering Government employe.

Raise the salaries and then provide for the retirement of superannuated employes. Higher salaries will solve the superannuation problem.

guided by the experience, sad in many instances, of other countries, and at the outset should put salaries on a living basis, and then take IMMEDIATE steps to ratire the aged.

hand to prove why salaries of the civil service employes should be increased to keep page with the increasing cost of

Salaries Remain the Same.

During the last few years the em-ployers of labor in this country have experienced a degree of prosperity never before attained, but prices have jumped ahead, and since 1853 the salaries of the

Government employes have practically remained stationary.

From the one-man blacksmith shop to the billion-dollar steel corporation, from the one-horse cabman to the centiment-encircling railroad, from the ilttle town council to the great Government of the United States, prosperity has waved its golden banner and every buyer of labor has felt the touch of the Cabinet yester day.

A general conference took place at the recent 'print' almost from day to day, and that action may be expected upon it directly after the Christmas recess the subcommittee members are giving the bill in its recent 'print' almost from day to day, and that action may be expected upon it directly after the Christmas recess the subcommittee members are giving the bill in its recent 'print' almost from day to day, and that action may be expected upon it directly after the Christmas recess the subcommittee members are giving consideration in order to make it acceptable to a considerable majority of the members of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there were confined the following number of the following number of the following number of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there were confined the following number of the following number of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there were confined the following number of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there were confined the following number of the following number of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there were confined the following number of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there were confined the following number of the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there was with the following statement: At the Alexandria city jail during the year there was withing the print of the passage of a tariff commission bill. This assembling of states and that action may be e

every bayer of labor has felt the touch of the magic wand. This is all well and good; every one has, in a measure, reaped some fruits from this general prosperity, and the man who labors, whether it be in the fields, behind the counter, in the pulpit, or in the Government service, has had steady employment, if not increased wages, and for this he should and does feel thankful.

But during this same period the cost of living has increased in leaps and bounds. This may have been caused by high tarifis, by monopolistic combinations, or by any of half dozen other causes. The cause is not important; it is the facts that count. In view and as a result of this greatly increased cost of living, and of the remarkable era of prosperity they were enjoying, many employers of labor have voluntarily increased the wages of their employes, thus sharing with them a measure of their own increased earnings.

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no rebates. A cabbage for his dinner to United States District Judge Carlaosts him no less than it does the man whose salary has been increased 50 percent. All this is true of every minor employe in Washington; the mechanics in the Navy Yard, and the Government employes throughout the country, for all the arguments in favor of increasing salarles of those employed in Washington are equally as forceful in behalf of those employed elsewhere.

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those employed elsewhere.

At the time \$1,800 was fixed as the maximum salary of the ordinary Government clerk dess than 1 per cent of those in the classified service receive \$1,800, to be a fair copyist was about all that was required in Grder to be rated as efficient. Now it is safe to say that there are pienty of places in the departments poying a meager \$1,200 per annual for which even not a few memissioner Xing's term of office will expire within a few days.

## Final Arguments on Retirement to Be Printed Tomorrow

At the urgent request of the advocates of the retirement plans discussed in this newspaper this week, The Times will print tomorrow five separate articles in summary of the arguments presented in the last

The writers of the articles asked for an opportunity to "sum up" their arguments, and refute certain statements that have appeared, and The Times gladly consented to the "grand finale."

Those who will write the articles to appear tomorrow will be the same persons who argued at length in these columns in the past five days. They are: For straight pension-M. F. O'Donoghue, president of the United States

Civil Service Retirement Association. Against straight pension-Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, secretary of the United

States Civil Service Retirement Association. For the contributory plan-Herbert D. Brown, author of the Gillett bill. Against the contributory plan-Miss Ethel M. Smith, of the Bureau of

For salary increases first-Joseph W. Buck, editor of the Washington

Details of the poll of the employes to be conducted by The Times will be announced early next week.

and it is now the President's purpose to line up his friends on the Ways and Means Committee in favor of it. That is why he called in the three influential

Walsh Case Nearly Ready.

Members of Congress Confer With President on Subject.

and on the tables of the members of the subcommittee by the next morning, so that the subcommittee might have an executive session with reference to it. This is called the 'second, committee print' of the bill. I am informed that the committee has been examining, con-

after the holidays.

Plan Favored.

The Longweith plan is most favorably considered. This has the general approval of the members of the Cabinet and it is now the President's purpose to the cabinet and it is now the President's purpose to the cabinet and it is now the President's purpose to the cabinet after the holidays.

Of New Yorkers and visitors from Washington and other cities will surge to night through the doors of Grand Central Palace, in New York Maj. Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., commander of the Department of the East, accompanied by three aides, Col. Stephen C. Mills, General Staff; Capt. C. W. Vertex Second Captular and Visitors from Washington and other cities will surge to night through the doors of Grand Central through the year 1,387 prisoners that during the year 1,387 prisoners that duri W. Fenton, Second Cavalry, and First Lieut. Marion W. Howze, First Field Artiliery, will open the show with an address on the use and need of the au-

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There are several thousand clerks, bookkeepers, and other minor classes of employes in the departments in Washitston and scattered over the country, who have to live on their salaries or waves. They depend, like others, on their wages, being paid on the same scale of wages fixed by Congress in 1852, run from \$1,200 to \$1,800; since that time it has been lowered, so as to range from \$600 to \$1,800 per annum... If they were paid justly in 1852, and Congress fixed their pay then—it would certainly seem that they are underpaid now.

If a Congressman feels the increase in cost of living on his \$5,000 salary, why should not the clerk on \$500 to \$1,800 feel also?

Depend on Wages for Living.

The Government employe depends on his wages for a living. He has no impunity from hard times, and his grocery wan and coal dealer favor him with no rebutes. A cabbage for his dinner in the coat of them are the coat of the other's visit.

Secret Uncovered.

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# NEW YEAR SERVICES IN MT. PLEASANT

Eleven Churches to Hold Series of Meetings All Next Week.

Eleven Mt. Pleasant churches are uniting for New Year services to be held throughout the coming week. The churches are the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Evangelical Lutheran, ociety of Friends, Metho list Protestant,

The following services have been arranged for: Monday, January 2, at St-Stephen's Episcopal Church, the inspiration: "Man's Need and His Re-ligious Capacity," the Rev. G. F. Dud-ley; "Communion With God," the Rev. C. H. Butler. Tuesday, January 3, at

The Sunday school of Bethany Inde-pendent Methodist Protestant Church held its Christmas celebration at the church last evening. The cantata, "Kriss Kringle and his Crew," was given by the pupils of the Sunday school. A gold medal was awarded Miss Nellie Archer for not having missed a single session of the Sunday school since its organization.

Up to noon today Bank Examiner Coates, of the United States Treasury Department, had not arrived in this city, but was expected late this afternoon, when he will at once lake charge of the affairs of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation, which closed its doors last Thursday. It was intended by Attorneys Moncure, Wampler & Goth, of Alexandria county, to this morning make application to Judge Barley, in the Corporation Court, for the appointment of a co-receiver for that bank, but owing to Judge Barley being out of the city the application was not made.

Announcement has been made of the marriage in Washington yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ramey, of the city, b. Laurence Washburn De Mott, of Washington. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Hugh T. Smith, of the Bethany Baptist Caurch, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Currie Sims, at the Wyoming apartment.

"The Untried Way" will be the sub-

"The Untried Way" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. W. F. Watson, at the First Eaptist Church tomorrow morning. Tomorrow evening Mr. Watson will take for the subject of his sermon "Border-Land Christians."

the corporate name of the company to the Anderson Electric Car Company.

The Flanders "20," which recently broke the Pacific coast non-stop record of 4,932 miles, has continued its run and is now rapidly nearing the world's record of 10,000 miles. The car is covering over 300 miles daily in and about Los Angeles, and carries regularly an observer representing the Southern California Automobile Association.

Ceive holy communion in a body.

New Year will be ushered in in Alexandria as in former years, by the ringing of the city and fire belis, and the blowing of the whistles of the factories. The old year will be sped on his way by the tolling of bells. A number of parties will be celebrated as New Year Day, the bank and city offices being closel. In the afternoon most of the story, will close.

# Little Activity Is Shown in the Stock Market

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET VERY TREASURY DEFICIT SLOW, WITH SLIGHT DECLINES IN THE LEADERS.

cally over, and no one inclined to new commitments. Spurt signs of Friday Society of Friends, Metholist Protestant, St. Stephen's Episcopal, Fourth Presbyterian, Immanuel Baptist, Mt. Pleasant Congregational, Calvary Methodist Episcopal, Whitney Avenue Memorial, and Disciples of Christ. The services will be at 8 o'clock each evening, and after two brief introductory talks will be open for general discussion.

The following services have been arranged for: Monday, January 2, at St.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—There was little life in the market on the closing day of the year. The holiday spirit was in the air, the evening-up process practically over, and no one inclined to new commitments. Spurt signs of Friday were not in evidence and while commission houses were of the opinion that the bond situation showed decided improvement, they could not trace any reflection

## Today's New York Stock Exchange Prices

# MEXICAN FEDERALS

Crushing Defeat Administered by Revolutionists Who Control Chihuahua

Green Goods.

Cucumbers, hot house, 30call 09 per doz.; tomatoes, fancy home-grown, \$4.00a5.00 per doz.; lettrice, New York, \$2.75a2.50 per basket; cabbage, 31.00a1.25 per 100 lbs.; beets, 30c per doz.; squash, \$1.00a1.25 per bls.; celery, 40ca6.00 per doz.; squash, \$1.00a1.25 per bls.; celery, 40ca6.00 per doz.; squash, \$1.00a1.25 per bls.; celery, 40ca6.00 per bls.; squash, \$1.00a1.25 per bls.; squash, \$1.00a1.25 per bls.; beets, 30c per doz.; squash, \$1.00a1.25 per bls.; beets, 30c per bls.; beets, 30c per bls.; beets, 30c per bls.; beet Colenade while en route to

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standardization of the technical and constructive work of the domestic motor car field, a movement found to be vitally necessary in a trade of such tremendously rapid growth, holding, as it does, the fifth—perhaps the fourth—place in the scale of industries.

The Commercial Automobile and Supply Company reports the sale and delivery of a Studebaker electric victoria to Dr. A. C. McDonald.

Emerson & Orme, agents for the Detroit electric, have been advised that the Anderson Carriage Company, builders of the Detroit electric, have changed the corporate name of the company to the Anderson Electric Car Company.

The Flanders "90" whice recently and the feed of Studebaker down and pass through the rebellines declare that great suffering to the Holv Name Society will receive holy communion in a body.

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have been placed on half rations and nearly all the public buildings have been turned into hospitals or sleeping quarters for the soldiers.

Ambassador Reid Sails.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The American Ambassador and Mrs. Reid left Liverpool today on board the Caronia for New York. Ogden Reid, it is said, has secured a position on a Gotham newspaper and will remain in New York to engage in journalism.

The hidden spring is said to be the Caronica said to be the avenue by which the military was corrupted to its revolt against the King. Many of the townsprople are armed, weapons having been obtained by them on the eve of the revolution which deposed the King. This condition is believed to be one of the greatest menaces to the foreign business interests in the Portuguest capital.

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Vegetables.

Potatoes, 50a75c per bu: sweet potatoes, 81.50a2.00 per bbl.; onions, 55a35c per bu. Fruit.

Green Goods.

May Be Used in Threat-

ening Strife.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Two new factions have arisen in Portugal to take the place of the royalists and republicans. They are supporters of moderate republicans and the adherents of extreme revolutionary ideas.

This information is contained in dispatches received here, in which trouble is predicted.

The hidden spring is said to be the Camorra, which secret society was the

Wholesale Produce Market

Eggs, Cheese, and Butter.

GROWING SMALLER

Report for Past Six Months

Shows Finances in Fairly

Good Shape.

Uncle Sam still has a hole in his pocket-

book at the end of the first six months of the fiscal year. Nevertheless it is not

as big as it was a year ago. The deficit

s much below what it was at the close

of last December, and the first half of the fiscal period is winding up with

things in fairly good shape.

Treasury officials believe that unless

something unexpected happens, the next six months will be still better than the past and that the Treasury will end

the fiscal year next June in better condition than now. One of the things that

is causing worry is the possibility of a corporation tax decision adverse to the

Nipissing Mines...

### Loss In Reserves; Increase In Loans

Poutry.

Live Poultry—Spring chickens, 15a14c per lb.; hens, 15a13c per lb.; roosters, 16c per lb.; ducks, 15a15c per lb.; turkeys, large, 18a26c per lb.; small, 17a18c per lb.

Dressed Poultry—Turkey hens, undrawn, 20a21c per lb.; obblers, undrawn, 18a26c per lb.; old toms, 18a26c per lb.; turkeys, thin, 15a13c per lb.; young ducks, 14a16c per lb.; old, 13a15c per lb.; choice seese, 13a14c per lb.; lb.

Vegetables. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve on all deposits, decrease, \$2,-225,300.
Reserve on deposits other than United States, decrease, \$2,252,100.
Loans, increase, \$10,451,200.
Specie, decrease, \$1,164,700.

Legal tenders, increase, \$2,069,300 Deposits, increase, \$12,519,800. Circulation, decrease, \$650,100.

Total loans, \$1,234,194,400.
Surplus, \$8,257,800, as compared \$6,591,275 a year ago and \$23,150,300 Chicago Grain Market.

Apples, \$3.00a5.00 per bbl; pineapples, \$2.00 2.50 per crate; grapes, Armeiia, \$4.00a7.00 per keg; Keefer pears, \$1.25a1.50 per basket; California oranges, \$2.75a2.50 per box; grape-fruit, \$2.00a3.00 per crate; Florida oranges, \$2.00a2.75 per box; tangerines, \$2.00a5.00 per Open. High. Low. Closc. 93% 93½ 93½ 93% 93½ 96% 96% . 49% 49% 49% 49% . 48% 48% 48% 48%

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